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BRIEF

A look back at spring 2019



Torrey Sanseverino

CLA STUDENT WINS FIRST PLACE IN CSU RESEARCH COMPETITION

Anthropology and geography senior Torrey Sanseverino won a first place in the Behavioral and Social Sciences category at the CSU Student Research Competition. Sanseverino presented her project, titled “Utilizing Mixed Methods for Development: Engineering Water Projects” on April 26. The presentation highlighted her work as one of the project managers for Engineers Without Borders’ Malawi project team, which combined social science methods with engineering methods to successfully install a borehole to locate water. In addition to using Geographic Information Systems, she used qualitative research methods including collecting feedback and input from the community members to make sure the project was what they needed and wanted. Sanseverino is only the fourth Cal Poly liberal arts student to win first or second place in the history of Cal Poly.



Cal Poly TAGA team with the Kipphan Cup

STUDENTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS AWARD AT GRAPHIC ARTS CONFERENCE

Cal Poly won the Kipphan Cup — for the second time in three years — at the annual conference of the Technical Association of the Graphic Arts (TAGA), held March 17-20 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Cal Poly’s TAGA team, comprising 25 graphic communication students, was awarded the top prize for its technical journal, a high-quality student-produced publication that showcases a range of complex printing processes. The Kipphan Cup will be on display in the Cal Poly Graphic Communication Department office for the next year.

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Cal Poly Choirs students rehearse in Carnegie Hall. Photo by Scott Glysson.

CAL POLY CHOIRS PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL

Thirty-four Cal Poly Choirs students performed at the renowned music venue Carnegie Hall in New York City on May 25, as a part of MidAmerica Production’s 36th concert season. Cal Poly Choirs and the Vancouver Bach Choir of British Columbia collaborated on performances of Joseph Haydn’s popular “Te Deum (for Empress Marie Therese)” and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s rarely heard “Sparrow Mass,” (Missa brevis in C major). Scott Glysson, director of Cal Poly Choirs, conducted the Haydn piece, and Leslie Dala, director of the Vancouver ensemble, conducted Mozart’s composition. “Carnegie Hall is one of those places that’s kind of like a bucket list item for musicians,” Glysson said. “It’s a wonderful space to perform in, but the most important thing about it is the history. You’re talking about a place where Leonard Burnstein, Gustav Mahler, Tchaikovsky, Frank Sinatra, The Beatles — any famous musician you can think of has performed onstage at Carnegie Hall. So, when you walk out there and perform on that stage, it’s a pretty powerful feeling. It’s hard to put into words.”



From left to right: ethnic studies senior Carlos Gomez, communication studies senior Julia Shaw, women’s and gender studies faculty member Dr. Ednie Garrison, political science senior Katie Ettl and communication studies senior Madison Weise.

FIVE STUDENT PAPERS ACCEPTED FOR CSU GENDER, RACE AND SEXUALITY UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE

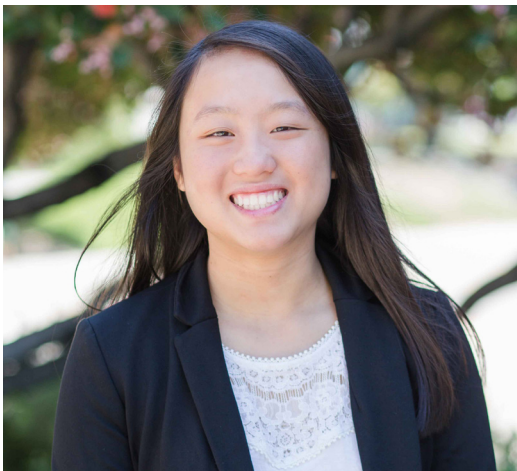
Five Cal Poly students presented their work at the first Gender, Race and Sexuality Undergraduate Conference, which was hosted at Fresno State University on Friday, April 26. The student-run conference, which was the first of its kind in women’s and gender studies, gave Cal Poly student activist-scholars and faculty an opportunity to interact with students and faculty in similar departments across the 23-campus California State University (CSU) system. Topics discussed at the conference included cultural representation, history, literature, film, social media, politics and the CSU system. More than 70 students from across the CSU system submitted research papers for consideration. Students from nine CSU campuses — Chico, Cal Poly, Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Long Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, San Marcos and Sonoma — and University of Richmond were selected to present. Cal Poly was represented by political science senior Kate Ettl, ethnic studies seniors Carlos Gomez and Lailani Hemmings Pallay, and communication studies seniors Julia Shaw and Madison Wiese.



Cal Poly Team with the third-place award at the 48-Hour Re-Pack Competition.

CLA STUDENTS ON THIRD-PLACE WINNING TEAM AT 48 HOUR RE-PACK COMPETITION

Two CLA students were part of the third-place team in the 48 Hour Re-Pack Competition, hosted by the Institute of Packaging Professionals and sponsored by Coca-Cola and Mondelez. Graphic design graduate Shea Irwin and graphic communication sophomore Von Balanon teamed up with students in Industrial Technology and Packaging to enter the 10th annual 48 Hour Re-Pack, a nationwide competition for university students studying design and packaging. After making the top 10 submissions, the team was invited to attend a conference in Atlanta, Georgia, where they presented their projects to professionals from around the nation. They designed a variety package of Oreo, Chips Ahoy! and Ritz inspired by the ease and simplicity of mailer boxes used for shipping textbooks. Their package design can contain all three differently sized products while supplying adequate protection in fully recyclable packaging. They were awarded a cash prize of \$1,000.



Christine Lam

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR SELECTED FOR PANETTA INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY’S CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

A political science major seeking a career in public service is Cal Poly’s 2019 representative to the Panetta Institute Congressional Internship Program, which gives students the opportunity to work and study in Washington, D.C. Christine Lam will spend two weeks in August training at the Panetta Institute at CSU Monterey Bay, followed by 11 weeks in the nation’s capital working full time in the office of a congressional representative. Her studies include classes in American politics (with an emphasis in public policy) as well as science and risk communication. The 19-year-old junior from San Francisco is among 25 students from around the Golden State selected for the program this year. Participants were nominated by their respective campus presidents.





Lauren Kolodziejski

COMMUNICATION STUDIES PROFESSOR NAMED OUTSTANDING FACULTY ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

Communication studies Professor Lauren Kolodziejski received the 2019 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award. Kolodziejski's commitment to student success is clearly articulated in her advising philosophy and in the nominations submitted on her behalf for the faculty advisor award. According to Kolodziejski's advising philosophy, her approach to advising focuses on three guidelines: listen more than talk, don't wait for a question to be asked, and share the struggle. These three guidelines are also reflected in the comments provided by her student nominators.

ADVANCING CULTURAL CHANGE: TURNING STUDENT STORIES INTO FILMS

A Cal Poly research team is turning student stories into films through Advancing Cultural Change (ACC), an interdisciplinary ethnography project aiming to create a more equitable learning environment on campus. Anthropology professor and researcher Dr. Coleen Carrigan sought to uncover the ways that engineering culture affects underrepresented groups in the classroom. ACC research endeavors began in 2015 when Carrigan built a team to help her conduct ethnographic research in the Cal Poly community. Sociology senior Noah Krigel and anthropology and geography senior Alana Salas-Yoshii joined her team as research assistants to help further ACC's scope. With their help and help from students in her Cultural Anthropology class, Carrigan has collected more than 800 student responses about their stories and thoughts on Cal Poly's classroom climate.



Rob Moore

POLITICAL SCIENCE SOPHOMORE SWORN IN AS ASSEMBLY DELEGATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Political science sophomore Rob Moore was elected as an Assembly District Delegate for the Democratic Party. Moore is now the youngest delegate in California District 35 and one of the five youngest in the state. As an assembly delegate, Moore will be involved in shaping the party platform and deciding on issues District 35 will work on for the two-year cycle. He plans to be active in the environmental caucus, which will fight for more environmental legislation.



Juried Student Show 2019

UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY PRESENTS 2019 JURIED STUDENT SHOW

The University Art Gallery displayed the 2019 Juried Student Show, an exhibition of student artwork from April 11 to May 4. The show featured juried selections from students who created artwork in the concentrations of studio art, photography and video and graphic design. The show was juried by Doug Highland, a San Luis Obispo-based photographer and professor from Cuesta College with a Master of Fine Arts degree from University of Arizona. Highland selected pieces from more than 100 submissions and determined winners in each category. This was the first year the Art and Design Department accepted digital submissions, which made the submission process free for students for the first time.

TEAM EARNS HONORABLE MENTION AT BERKELEY'S BIG IDEAS CONTEST

Art and design Professor Enrica Lovaglio Costello was part of a team that received an Honorable Mention in the Art and Social Change category of Berkeley's highly competitive BIG IDEAS contest for the project, "Bosco The Inclusive Forest."



Elizabeth Lowham (left) and Martin Battle (right)

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSORS SELECTED FOR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT

Political science Professors Martin Battle and Elizabeth Lowham were selected for the contract to evaluate San Luis Obispo County's Innovation Projects funded through the Mental Health Services Act. Battle and Lowham will lead students through collection and analysis of Innovation Program outcome and process data, including project performance data, interviews and focus groups, for the six projects currently underway. This will provide a few years of structured projects, learning experiences and professional work for Master of Public Policy students.

TWO CLA FACULTY EARN 2019 OUTSTANDING HONORS FACULTY AWARD

The University Honors Program selected communication studies lecturer James Scarborough and Lizzie Lamoree, a lecturer in the Ethnic Studies Department and Women's and Gender Studies Department, for a 2019 Outstanding Honors Faculty Awards.



Unique Shaw-Smith

SOCIAL SCIENCES PROFESSOR RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Social sciences Professor Unique Shaw-Smith received the Significant Contribution (Faculty) award at the 33rd annual Cal Poly Community Service Awards. The awards were presented to students, faculty, staff, clubs and university partners for their contributions to unmet community needs and for building Learn by Doing partnerships between the university and the community. Shaw-Smith has been providing hands-on experience for students, while using resources at Cal Poly, to help incarcerated people at California Men's Colony. Her senior project students have collaborated with incarcerated men to develop and execute programs and projects, including The Between the Bars Art Exhibit at Kennedy Library, an anthology of poems, and the development of curriculum for a public speaking course.

ART AND DESIGN PROFESSOR'S TEAM EARNS LEARN BY DOING SCHOLAR AWARD

Art and design Professor Mary L. LaPorte is part of an interdisciplinary team, including packaging Professors Javier de la Fuente and Irene Carbonell, that was selected for Cal Poly's 2018-19 Learn by Doing Scholar Award in the category of completed research. Their project is titled "Design Thinking as a Framework for Teaching Packaging Innovation." The award is accompanied by \$2,000 and the team will be formally recognized at Cal Poly's 2019 Fall Conference. Their work has already been shared through conference presentations and proceedings; their students have had 33 projects recognized – with 13 in the top three of national and international industry competitions. Their recently published, peer-reviewed journal article has already been downloaded more than 330 times.



Roberta Wolfson

ENGLISH PROFESSOR SELECTED AS MLA INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY FELLOW

English Professor Roberta Wolfson was selected as a 2019-22 Modern Language Association (MLA) International Bibliography Fellow. She will serve a three-year term as a field bibliographer for the MLA. She also was elected to serve as the 2019-20 Secretary for the Critical Mixed Race Studies Caucus of the Association for Asian American Studies.



Sara Bartlett

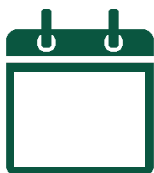
SARA BARTLETT AWARDED 2018-19 LEARN BY DOING SCHOLAR AWARD

Sara Bartlett, a lecturer in the Psychology and Child Development Department, was awarded the 2018-19 Learn by Doing Scholar Award in the category of planned and in-progress research for her project, "Effectiveness of Intergenerational Service Learning Programs for Psychology of Aging." The award is one of only two granted each year and is accompanied by \$1,000 and formal recognition during Cal Poly's Fall Conference 2019. During the fall 2018 quarter, Bartlett's Psychology of Aging class engaged in a service-learning project called the Lives Well Lived Project. This was a collaboration with senior residents at The Villages, an independent living retirement community, and Sky Bergman, creator of the documentary "Lives Well Lived" and a professor in the Art and Design Department. "Lives Well Lived" features interviews with several older adults who are examples of "successful aging," meaning they are largely free of disease and disability and are active and enjoying life. The interviews center around important historical events the interviewees were a part of, as well as their advice for living a life well lived. The project created a bridge between college students studying aging and older adults who – like the interviewees from Bergman's film – are examples of how one can age well.

STUDENT-PRODUCED BILL PASSES STATE SENATE

When the CSU provides information on cost of attendance, including the cost of living, campuses use an "average" student to estimate their costs. But, many students' actual costs may be much higher or much lower depending on living situations, child care, health care, etc. Students in the California Bill Project class (POLS 440) worked with Senator Monning and Assemblymember Cunningham to have campuses provide more detailed information based on a range of student needs and living situations. They successfully lobbied for their bill with the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill passed the full Senate by unanimous vote on April 25.

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Theatre and Dance Performances

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University Art Gallery

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